

Parents Information Leaflet



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Epsom Hockey Club is committed to safeguarding of young people and expects all members and volunteers to share this commitment.

Child Protection Policy

- Epsom Hockey Club aims to create an enjoyable environment for all juniors who wish to take part in hockey.
- The club emphasises that young people have the right to be safe, secure and free from threat.
- The club acknowledges that young people have the right to be treated with respect and for their concerns to be listened to and acted upon.
- The club has procedures in place to provide help and support in a confidential basis on issues relating to child protection.
- The club will ensure that the coaches and assistants are sufficiently qualified, and all checks are in accordance with England Hockey policy.
- The club will ensure that any club members and volunteers working with young people in hockey are aware of and apply the Code of Conduct for those working with children.
- The club abides by the codes of conduct and policies of the governing body. If you would like to see a copy of the documents, please contact the welfare Officer (Emma Dale) or refer to the club's website www.epsomhc.co.uk.

Equality Policy Statement

The club is committed to ensuring that equality is incorporated across all aspects of its development and by adopting the following Sport England definition of sports equality:

Sports equality is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them.

The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to the disciplinary procedures as set out by England Hockey.



Transport Policy

Epsom Hockey Club policy is that parents or other responsible adults will transport players to and from matches and practice sessions. The Club does not register private vehicles for the transportation of individuals in connection with any fixtures or practice sessions arranged by the Club. The implementation of this policy is not intended to exclude any player from participation.

Incident/Accident

- In the event of an injury happening at a training session the first aider on site will take responsibility for administering initial first aid support.
- In the event of an injury requiring specialist treatment, they will take appropriate action.
- We request an emergency number on registration forms. Please make sure that you give a contact number for the duration of the session.
- Make sure that an incident/accident report form has been filled in by the first aider.
- Parents/ carers must disclose all medical conditions and/or special requirements on the annual registration forms.

Code of Conduct for Players

- All players are expected to behave with respect towards adults and the other players alike.
- No player should question an umpire or coach's decision.
- No player should ever make rude comments or signs to anyone at any time.
- Spitting is an unhygienic please discourage your child from this.
- Bullying of any sort will not be tolerated - this includes name-calling.
- Hockey is a team sport and as such players should encourage each other rather than handing out blame.
- No one should be made to feel bad just because they have made a mistake or are not as accomplished as others.

Code of Conduct for Parents

- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the good performances of all.
- Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.
- Publicly accept officials' judgments and decisions.
- Support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy their sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.
- Always accompany your child to the start of each session to sign in.
- Ensure you arrive early to collect your child from their session.

Kit

- All junior hockey players under the age of 18 must own and wear a gum shield and shin pads.
- It is strongly recommended that all players defending a penalty corner wear a face mask. Players must provide their own England Hockey approved face mask.

Epsom Hockey Club kit is available to order online or in store at Lester Bowden Epsom.

Photography & Videos

There may be occasions during the season where photographs/videos will be taken for use within the Club communications. This includes digital and printed media and for some children's GCSE portfolios. Please ensure you have consented on the annual membership registration forms.